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INVITATION

1. IF GENERAL BIN SHAKER IS ABLE TO ACCEPT THE JUNE 18
TIME FRAME FOR JMC, THE U.S. NAVY WILL BE PLEASED TO ARRANGE
A VISIT FOR HIM ON JUNE 21-22 TO AN AIRCRAFT CARRIER CON-
DUCTING FLEET OPERATIONS OFF THE VIRGINIA CAPE. VISIT
NAVY PROPOSES WOULD INCLUDE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE BOTH DAY AND
NIGHT OPERATIONS OF CARRIER, PLUS F-14S AND CARRIER CREW AT
PEAK OF TRAINING. WE BELIEVE THIS IS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY
FOR BIN SHAKER TO OBSERVE THESE OPERATIONS, AND WE HOPE
THAT HE SEES THIS AS THE SIGN OF STRONG USG INTEREST IN OUR
MILITARY RELATIONSHIP WITH JORDAN, WHICH IT IS. THIS VISIT
WOULD BE AN APPROPRIATE AND USEFUL ADDITION TO THE REGULAR
JMC SCHEDULE.

2. PLEASE PRESENT NAVY'S INVITATION TO BIN SHAKER AND RE-
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PORT HIS RESPONSE ASAP, AS NAVY AND DOD WOULD LIKE LONGEST
POSSIBLE LEAD TIME TO COORDINATE VISIT. VANCE

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